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In response to Appellant's "Appeal Brief received on 02/16/05," the following action has been taken:

See the attached action for the defect to the "Appeal Brief".

Sam Ahn
Examiner
Art Unit: 2637

The appeal brief filed on 02/16/05 is defective because claims 21-23 are depending on the cancelled claim 13. The amended claims will be entered upon receiving the appeal brief.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, appellant must ratify the appeal brief within the longest of any of the following TIME PERIODS: (1) ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing of this communication, whichever is longer; (2) within the time period for reply to the action from which appeal has been taken; or (3) within two months from the date of the notice of appeal under 37 CFR 1.191. Extensions of these time periods may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sam Ahn whose telephone number is (571) 272-3044. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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